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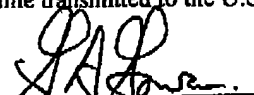
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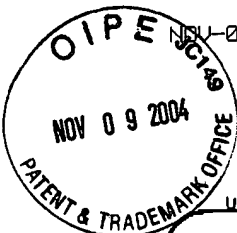
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Filed: June 30, 2003  
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Sir:

The above named application was allowed on August 9, 2004 and a completed form for payment of the Issue Fee and the publication fee is **enclosed**. However, also **enclosed** is an Information Disclosure Statement which is being filed in respect of the above identified application. Applicant herewith cites recently identified prior art which may be material to the patentability of the application and which is listed on the enclosed completed Information Disclosure Statement Form(s), namely USPTO forms PTO/SB/08A, and/or PTO/SB/08B.

Pursuant to the requirements set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97, and having regard to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and 1.97(e)(1), the attention of the Examiner is invited to the documents listed on the attached Form(s).

Copies of the newly identified Patent Documents are **enclosed**.

It is to be noted that the filing of this information disclosure statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made; or to be construed as an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in §§ 1.56(b).

The documents listed herein resulted from the International Search Report issued in respect of the corresponding PCT application, namely PCT/CA2004/000968. The Search Report

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was mailed by the European Patent Office in its capacity of International Searching Authority (ISA) for Canadian applicants, on October 22, 2004. A complete copy of the Search Report is **enclosed** and the Examiner will note that all documents listed therein were categorized by the Search Examiner as being in category "A" which is a "document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance".

Also **enclosed** is the Written Opinion of the ISA indicating in their opinion that the PCT application has met the criteria for novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability.

As such, it is not expected that this newly identified art raises any new issue concerning patentability. However, these documents are being disclosed in accordance with the Applicant's on-going duty of disclosure in respect of the present application.

With respect to the named prior art, the Applicant comments as follows:

**DE 1259781**

The Applicant does not have a translation of this document. However, with respect to this document, the ISA Examiner provided the comments that are set out in the **enclosed** documents with respect to document "D1".

In view of these comments, the Applicant believes that this document is not destructive of patentability of the present application.

**FR 1593129**

The Applicant also does not have a translation of this document. However, it is believed that this document merely provides a method of moving materials from one conveyor to another and there is no attempt to, *inter alia*, maintain at least a portion of one conveyor stationary with respect to the support structure as the material is being moved.

**US Publication 2002/0060133**

This publication merely describes a method for producing a specimen conveying system where specimens can be transferred from a conveyor to a "motor vehicle" using belt conveyors. It does not function in the same fashion as the conveyor system of the present invention.

**US 6116842**

This document was previously identified in an earlier Information Disclosure Statement. It is mentioned here for completeness but it is expected that the Examiner has previously reviewed this document.

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Applicant believes that, through submission of this Information Disclosure Statement, all attempts have been made in good faith to address all outstanding issues. Thus, entry of this Information Disclosure Statement into the records of this application, is earnestly solicited.

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